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Second Meeting Set For Mount Gilead Area Master Planning

The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold its second public meeting to develop a master plan for public sites in the Mount Gilead area of Historic Centreville. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2007 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria at Colin Powell Elementary School located at 13340 Leland Road in Centreville.

Mount Gilead draws its name from the most prominent feature within the seven acre site, the Mount Gilead house, built circa 1785. Located in the heart of the Centreville Historic District, the site is owned and maintained by the Fairfax County Park Authority. In addition to the historic house, the other sites included in this planning process contain a wealth of cultural, natural, and archeological resources that represent the history of Centreville.

The initial planning meeting focused on the history of the area, current site conditions and the park master planning process. This second meeting will provide new information on additional public sites to be included in the process and will offer an opportunity for public dialogue. The planning staff hopes to hear any additional questions, community issues and concerns and to gather suggestions for site features and activities. More information about the park master plan can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/mtgilead.htm>.

Input from these meetings will help staff craft a draft park master plan for these public sites. Once a draft is completed, it will be presented for comment at a public hearing tentatively planned for spring 2008.

Comments will be accepted at the meeting or can be mailed to Patricia Rosend, project manager, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 421, Fairfax, VA 22035. Email comments should be forwarded to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information please call the project team at 703-324-2387 or the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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